

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 3, 5, and 7-19 were cancelled previously. Claims 23-25 are cancelled in this response, without prejudice or disclaimer. Withdrawn claims 1, 2, 4, and 6 are cancelled presently. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of any cancelled claim in one or more continuing or divisional applications.

Because no new matter is introduced, applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment. Upon entry, claims 20-22 will be pending.

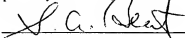
II. Rejection of Claims

Claim 23 – 25 stand rejected on prior-art grounds. Without acquiescing to the stated grounds for rejection, applicants canceled claims 23-25, rendering the rejections moot. Remaining claims 20-22 are subject to the examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

The present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication to this effect is respectfully requested. Examiner Skelding is invited to contact the undersigned directly, should he feel that any issue warrants further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.